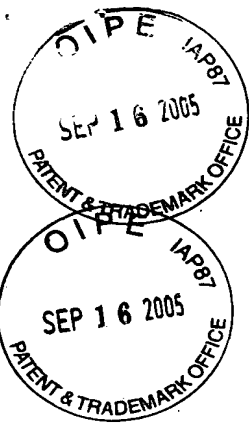


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2005, please amend the subject application and consider the remarks set forth herein.

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II. Remarks

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